

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 979

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lauren Dae Binkley upon receiving the 2006 University of Tennessee Torchbearer Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those students who, through an unflagging commitment to academic excellence and dedication to public service, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable student is Lauren Dae Binkley, who recently received the 2006 University of Tennessee Torchbearer Award; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Binkley is a speech communication major at the University of Tennessee (UT); she holds the Vic Davis/Earl Zwingle Scholarship, the Andrew D. Holt Scholarship, the Lambda Pi Eta Scholarship, and the Provost's Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee Torchbearer Award is the highest honor UT gives to students in recognition of academic excellence and service; the award symbolizes the Torch of Enlightenment that these recipients have carried during their collegiate careers, lighting the way of truth and excellence for future students and citizens; and

WHEREAS, a native of Springfield, Lauren Binkley is currently a member of the UT Honors Program, President of the Student Alumni Associates, Historian of the Student Government Association (SGA), Recruitment Counselor for Panhellenic, a member of the Chancellor's Associates, Recording Secretary for Alpha Chi Omega, and Program Director for Ignite!; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and talents to many worthy organizations, Ms. Binkley is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, and Lambda Pi Eta; and

WHEREAS, working assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens, Lauren Binkley has interned with Knox Area Rescue and volunteered as a clean-up worker for the Dance Marathon, and she has also served on the leadership Board of Team VOLS; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Binkley epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize this exceptional student and leader; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Lauren Dae Binkley upon receiving the 2006 University of Tennessee Torchbearer Award, commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.